THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) While the Government appreciates the need for a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority in Delhi, a final decision regarding its constitution, organisation and functions has not been taken so far.

(c) Such an Authority can be expected to deal with the stated problem in so far as it will be charged with the responsibility of planning coordinating and overseeing the working of different modes of transport in the City.

Introduction of a Mass Rapid Transport System in the Capital

407 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to have a Mass Rapid Tarnsport System in the caiptal;

(b) whether more than 1 lakh vehicles are added on the roads in the capital every year;

(c) whether the Cantral Road Research Institute (CRRI) has made plans for a mass transport system for Delhi; and

(d) if so, what other steps Government propose to take to make the transport system more effective in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government appreciates the need for a mass rapid transport system for Delhi.

(b) Between 1977--1985, the motor vehicles registered in Delhi increased from 389000 to 841000.

(c) Yes, Sir. In 1971.

(d) The question of making the transport system more effective is under constant review with a view to establishing a reliable efficient and functional multi-modal transportation system; and to establish reasonable freedom to automobile traffic and to ensure safe pedestrian movement through innovative management techniques.

Widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders

408. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide-spread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs), particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country and, if so, what is the approximate number of VCRs being used in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that unscrupulous advertisers who cannot use the Doordarshan or newspapers are openly and exhaustively using the home-viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies, liquor and magical cures to the innocent viewers, and if so, what action Government propose to take to check such advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that there is widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs) particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country. No official estimates are available on total population of VCRs/VCPs in the country. However, as per some surveys by private agencies, the population of VCRs/VCPs in the country is estimated to be about 2 millions.

(b) Government have no information about the unscrupulous advertisers using exhaustively home viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies,